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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Revision of "Perspective" Paper

1. The DCI has provided the following guidance re revision of the draft "Planning Perspective of the Intelligence Environment, "Part I.

2. The "Trends in the World Situation" section is to be rewritten under four headings:

Great Power Relationships  
Second-level Powers and Problems (or some such title)  
Turbulence in the Third World  
Emerging World-wide Problem Areas (or some such title)

3. Under the "Great Powers Relationships" section the DCI desires that the focus be on strategic and other military tensions, and detente .

4. The second section should deal with problems in which the US interfaces with its major allies - [REDACTED]

5. The material on the Third World should focus on the likelihood of continuing turbulence in various areas.

6. In the world-wide problem section discussion should cover such matters as emerging resource shortage problems, environmental issues, technological change, etc.

7. The DCI comments that he considered the material in the present Part I to be "quite good" but he wanted the discussion reorganized into something like the four topics listed in paragraph 2 above.

8. ~~Hereafter~~ Part II will be revised to discuss the required reaction of U.S. intelligence to each of the headings in the Part I discussion, and the "management" section of the present draft will become Part III, with such revision as seems necessary.

9. The DCI would like to see the revised draft Saturday morning. It is requested the PRG revision of Part I be provided me by noon on Friday.

I. TRENDS IN THE WORLD SITUATION

A. The Great Power Adversaries

1. Relations among the world's major powers are shifting into new and sometimes novel configurations. Tensions between the US and each of its two principal adversaries, the USSR and China, are easing, and the character of the relationship between East and West in Europe is changing in a perhaps fundamental way. At the same time, the cold war between China and the Soviet Union shows little or no promise of imminent thaw, and partly because of the improving climate of relations between the two superpowers, ties between the US and Western Europe have begun to fray.

2. Few matters of importance in world affairs will arise in the 1970s which will not be affected by the state of relations between the US, the USSR, and China. Two basic circumstances have shaped the course of these relations in recent years: the USSR's achievement of strategic nuclear parity with the US, and the emergence of the military confrontation between China and the Soviet Union in Asia. These factors have combined in various ways to reinforce the trend in both Moscow and Peking toward policies of detente vis-a-vis the West. Specifically, for example, the desire of each communist power to prevent the other from gaining relatively greater favor with Washington

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